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1. Three JS-2 tanks were seen on the tank range east of Storbek (N 53/2 39) on 29 March 1950. One tank fired two rounds at a target, standing a distance of about 600 meters from the tank. Before firing the second shell, the tank backed up about 100 meters.
2. Eight 60-man columns of troops left the Friedrich Franz Kaserne on Fehrbellinerstrasse at about 8:10 a.m. on 29 March 1950. Each column was led by four or five officers and a color-bearer carrying a furled flag. The troops moved toward Rheinsbergertor. At the same time, four 60-man columns, each headed by 4 or 5 officers and a color-bearer carrying a furled flag, left the See Kaserne. Four trucks each occupied by 25 to 30 troops, proceeded toward Rheinsbergertor. They were followed by truck also carrying 25 to 30 soldiers. Trucks also carrying 25 to 30 soldiers were seen at 8:40 a.m. When the columns from the Friedrich Franz Kaserne and the See Kaserne reached the stadium, other troops had already fallen in there. More columns totalling 600 or 700 men arrived from the direction of the Friedrich-Rex Kaserne. It could not be ascertained for what purpose the troops assembled in the stadium. The troops, with the flags flying, marched back to their barracks at about 12:30 p.m.*

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- [REDACTED] 3. The kommandatura was located in the northern building of the Friedrich Franz Kaserne. The barracks buildings were occupied by four companies, including about sixty recruits, wearing red-bordered black epaulets. Troops with closely cropped hair under the supervision of **three** older soldiers practiced the making of beds in the barracks yard. They apparently were very young recruits. [REDACTED] about 200 recruits had arrived in Neuruppin during the last week of March 1950 and had been distributed to the units in the Friedrich Franz Kaserne, the See Kaserne and the restricted area on Junkerstrasse.

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- * [REDACTED] Comment: The report indicates that the recruits of the Neuruppin military posts were possibly sworn in during the ceremony. The observations suggest that there were from 1,200 to 1,400 recruits.

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